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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MASS, LE
SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT FOR LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES

REF: BEIRUT 0106

1. CALLED ON MINISTER OF INTERIOR SALMAN THIS MORNING, FEB 23. FIRST SUBJECT ON HIS MIND WAS QUESTION OF EQUIPMENT FOR LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE (ISF). I TOLD HIM LEGAL OBSTACLES TO OUR GIVING AID TO THAT FORCE APPEARED INSURMOUNTABLE. WE COULD AID A RECONSTITUTED ARMY, WE COULD NOT AID A POLICE FORCE. IF LEBANESE WANTED TO CONSTITUTE A NEW, INDEPENDENT FORCE, WHICH WOULD HAVE A MILITARY RATHER THAN A POLICE ROLE, WE COULD AID IT, BUT I GATHERED THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF SUCH A FORCE WAS NOT PRACTICABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. SALMAN SAID IT WAS OUT OF QUESTION. I SAID THAT IN THAT CASE, THE LEBANESE SHOULD LOOK ELSEWHERE, PERHAPS TO THE BRITISH OR FRENCH. ALTERNATIVELY, THEY COULD ACQUIRE THE EQUIPMENT THEY WANTED FROM US COMMERCIALY. IF THEY DECIDED TO DO THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST THEY SEND A SMALL PURCHASING MISSION TO THE U.S. I WAS SURE THE USG WOULD HELP THEM IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH SUPPLIERS AND GIVE THEM ADVICE ON QUALITY, PRICE, RELIABILITY, ETC.
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2. SALMAN THANKED ME FOR FINALLY GIVING HIM ANSWER ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. HE SAID HE WAS VERY SAD THAT WE COULD NOT HELP BUT UNDERSTOOD OUR PROBLEM. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT HE WOULD DO.
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